

Monthly Grain Crop Review

May 2022

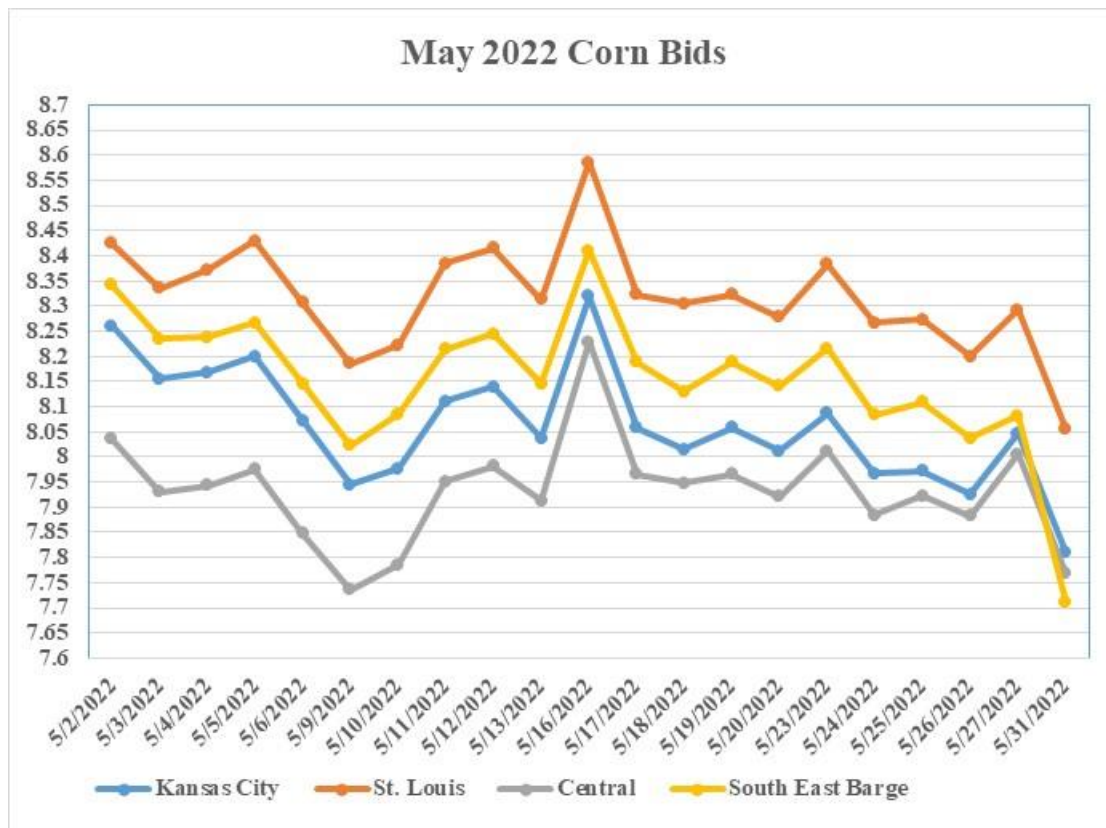
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Planters have made great strides to get seed into the ground. We started out the month with only 27 percent of corn and 5 percent of soybeans in Missouri planted. The latest crop progress showed 91 percent of Missouri's corn planted, only one percent behind last year and 2 percent ahead of the five year average. Of the corn planted, 76 percent has emerged and 70 percent rated in the good condition category. Fifty-two percent of Missouri's corn has been planted, 4 percent ahead of last year and 3 percent ahead of the five year average. Of the soybeans planted, 31 percent has emerged. Sixty-one percent of winter wheat is rated in the good condition category and 27 percent fair. In the eighteen major growing states, 86 percent of corn has been planted, compared to 94 percent last year and 87 percent for the five year average. Of the corn planted, 61 percent has emerged, 18 percent behind last year's pace and 7 percent behind the five year average. Nationally, 66 percent of soybeans have been planted, 17 percent behind last year and one percent behind the five year average. Of the soybeans planted, 39 percent have emerged, compared to 59 percent at this time last year and 43 percent for the five year average. Notably, there are producers in the upper Midwest that are considering prevent plant acreage, due to the continuous rain delays. In winter wheat, 72 percent has headed, 5 and 4 percent behind last year and the five year average, respectively. For winter wheat condition, the nation's crop is separated into these categories: 4 percent excellent, 25 percent good, 31 percent fair, 17 percent poor, and 23 percent very poor.

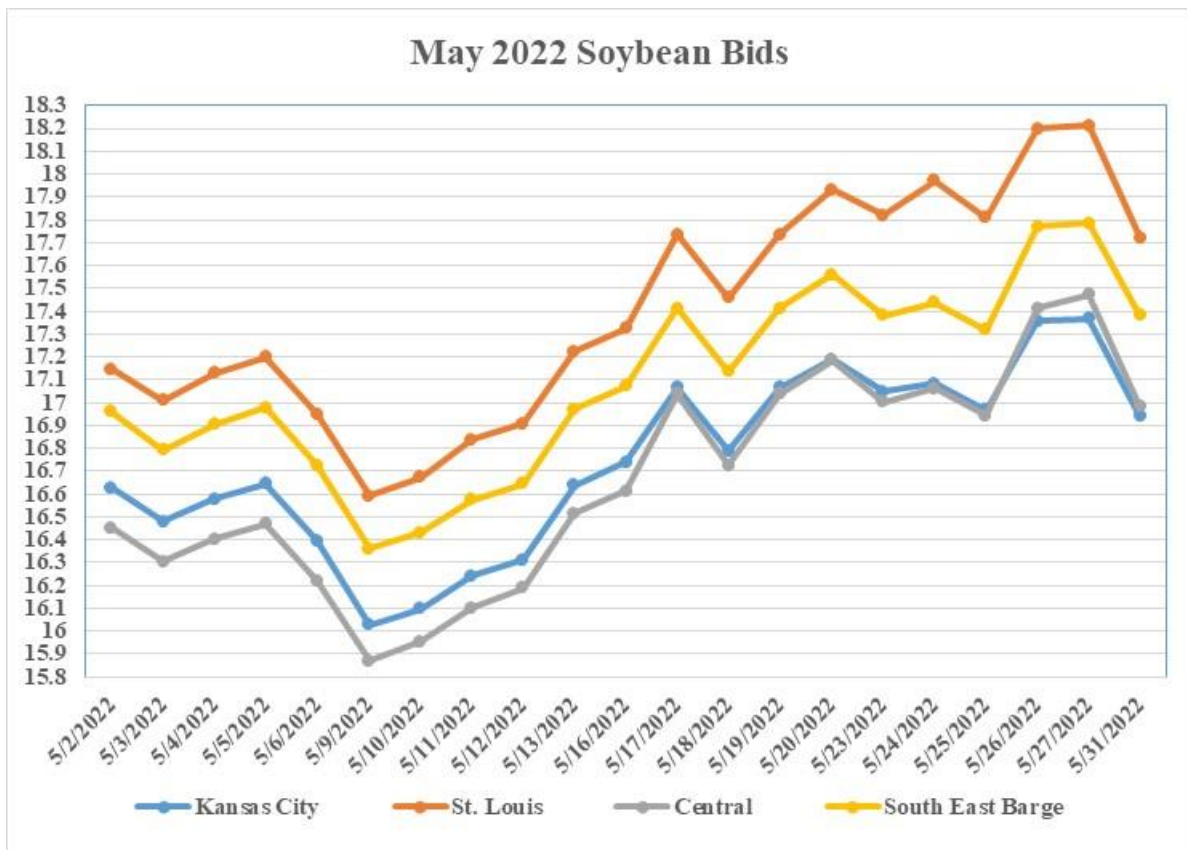
To no one's surprise, drought continues to be nonexistent in Missouri. Last year at this time, about five percent of the state had some level of drought. The drought map released March 29 showed 99.99 percent of the state free of drought. Since then, it has varied slightly (less than about a half of a percent), but stayed over 99 percent free of drought. During the final three weeks of May, the drought map has been completely free of any impact of drought in Missouri. Nationwide, 62 percent is affected by some level of drought, as of May 24.

Ukraine announced at the beginning of May that four of their main seaports would be temporarily closed "until Ukraine regains control over them". However, Russia announced plans last week for a "humanitarian corridor" to allow Ukraine to ship grain in the Black Sea that has been at port or in local facilities for the last three months. There have also been reports of a possible record wheat production in Russia. IKAR estimates their 2022-2023 wheat production at 3.123 billion bushels, a record production, if realized. The annual Wheat Quality Council tour across Kansas released its results and showed that Kansas' winter wheat yield potential is estimated at 39.7 bushels per acre, the lowest level since 2018. The five year average is at 47.4 bushels per acre.

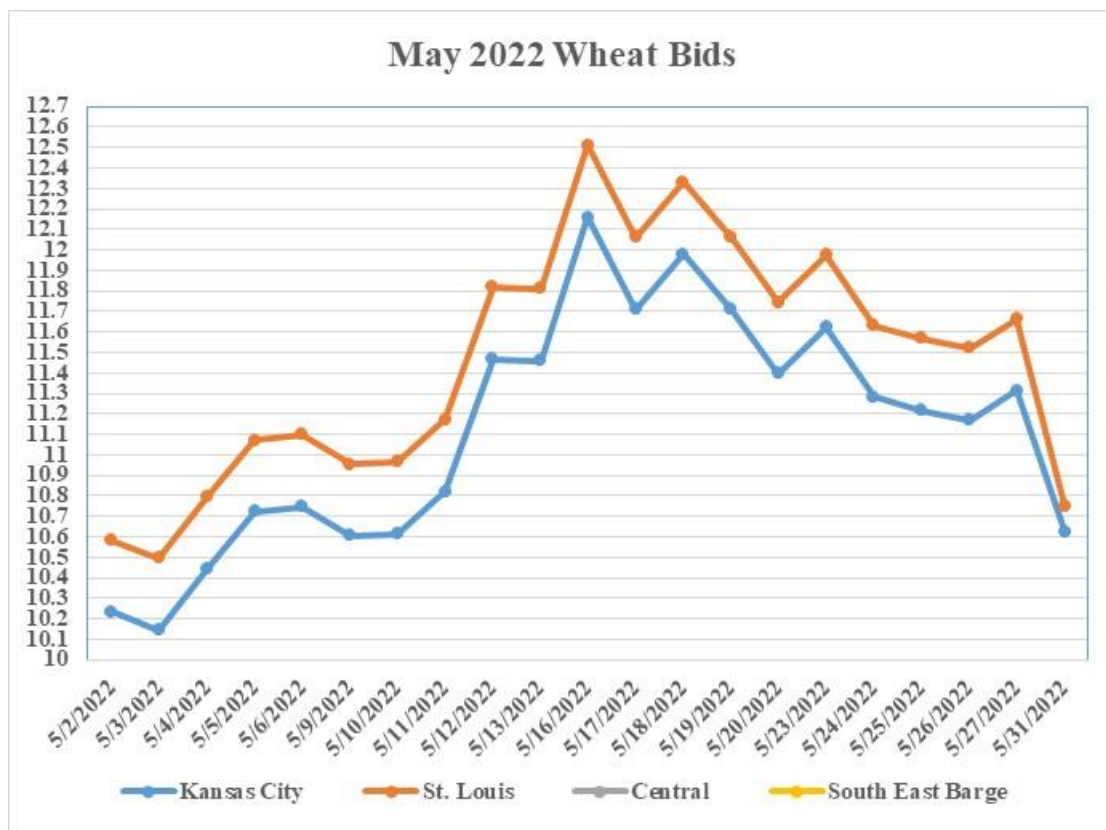
Last week USDA announced they will "allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022". This would be to help alleviate some of the global food supply issue. If approval is granted, producers can start the transition after the nesting season to "hay, graze, begin land preparation activities, and plant a fall-seeded crop before October 1, 2022". According to USDA, 1.7 million acres of CRP contracts are expiring this year.



The average May corn bid in Missouri was 8.12, 0.12 higher than April's average corn bid. Statewide, corn bids ranged from 0.03 to 0.17 higher than last month's averages. Compared to May 2021, this month's corn bids were 0.90 to 0.96 higher, with the combined average 0.93 higher than a year ago. Area average corn bids closed on May 31 from 0.27 to 0.63 lower, when compared to May 2.



The average May soybean bid in Missouri was 16.98, 0.06 higher than April's average soybean bid. Statewide, soybean bids ranged from 0.01 to 0.15 higher than last month's averages. Compared to May 2021, soybean bids were 0.80 to 1.37 higher, with the combined average 1.04 higher than a year ago. On May 31, area average soybean bids closed 0.31 to 0.57 higher, when compared to May 2.



The average May wheat bid in Missouri was 11.29, 0.72 higher than a month ago. Compared to May 2021, wheat bids were 4.16 to 4.26 higher, with the combined average 4.31 higher than a year ago. On May 31, area average wheat bids closed 0.17 to 0.39 higher, when compared to May 2.

*Most locations are not providing cash wheat bids at this time, due to temporary transportation and/or storage issues.

*Sets of data for the graphs are from the Missouri Grain Cash Bids report that is published daily. Only dates in which markets are trading are represented.

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